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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chairman,
Watch Committee of the IAC

SUBJECT : IAC Approval of Watch Report

1. On 14 February, the IAC agreed that the report of the Watch Committee would be approved by the IAC prior to its re-leave (IAC-M-230, Item 6b).

2. To implement this decision, IAC members could record their concurrences either with the Secretary of the IAC or with the Director, National Indications Center. The former procedure would have the advantage of making the action of the members a matter of record with the IAC Secretariat itself; the latter, the advantage of simplicity since it would make unnecessary any communication outside of existing Watch Committee and NID channels.

3. The choice is not, in my view, a matter of great importance and one procedure would be as "legal" as the other. Both the Secretary of the IAC and the Director, NID, are agents of the IAC.

4. In my view, the Director, NID, should, in the interest of efficiency, be designated as the official agent of the IAC for the purpose of receiving the concurrences of the IAC members in the Watch Committee Report. I have discussed this with Mr. [redacted] and he concurs.

5. Recommendation:

That you approve the designation of the Director, NID, as the agent of the IAC for this purpose and notify the IAC informally when the Watch Report is considered at Tuesday's meeting.

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Approval, 20 Feb 1956

Secretary

Intelligence Advisory Committee

C. F. CAMELL
Chairman
Watch Committee of IAC

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